

Fiscal Highlights

Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee Meets - Spencer C. Pratt

The Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee met on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. The meeting began with a presentation from the Governors Office on the new Success Framework.

With an infusion of appropriations for Mission-Based and Performance-Based Funding and Institutional Equity, each institution reported on their plans for this new funding. Institutions are focusing this new funding on increasing the number of students attending, the number of students continuing their education, and the number of student completing the requirements for a degree. Performance measures should reflect improvement in these areas over the next several years because of the infusion of this funding.

The subcommittee also heard an update from the University of Utah on the infrastructure issue. The legislators heard about the history, the progress made thus far, and the options the university is looking at for finalizing the project.

The Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) presented information on its efforts toward determining the need for equity funding. Similar to the situation in the Utah System of Higher Education, UCAT funding is not equal across all of the campuses. UCAT is working on a method to evaluate the current situation and how to improve equity among the campuses to alleviate this situation.

UCAT also discussed the costs per certificate at each campus and efficiencies that have been gained over the past few years.

Finally, the Legislative Auditor General presented a recent performance audit of UCAT's Programs and Funding.

Please note that the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will have its final interim meeting on October 11, 2013 at Dixie State University. See <http://le.utah.gov/Interim/2013/html/00002643.htm> for the agenda.